

Run Report

Bishop: Coyote Flats Silver Canyon

Run Date: August 9, 2025

Members who attended: Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen
Danny Ward, Bill Shopper and Randy Smith

The plan was to run Coyote Flat and Silver Canyon. All 4 members in attendance did the prerun of these trails last year, after a little discussion we decided to do a different trail.

The new trail was McGee Canyon Rd. to Bishop. I didn't have a GPS track for this trail but I had a map. I selected a route and we were off for a new adventure.

We took black top from the Grandview Campground to the trail start where McGee Canyon Rd. connect with Hwy 120. We aired down and headed out, the plan was to work our way thru the Inyo National Forest to a trail on the map listed as Most Difficult. The McGee Canyon trail was mostly easy but very scenic with a few easy rocky sections and a water crossing. We made it to the Most Difficult trail right after lunch. The Most Difficult trail had steep up and down hill sections. There were also lots of deep ruts along the trail. I used 4 wheel low to keep my speed under control. The National Forest services will always rate steep hill climbs most difficult.

We finished the trail at Benton Crossing, a paved road. We took Casa Diablo Rd. a graded dirt Rd. back to Bishop. We topped off the gas tank and visited Schats Bakery. We took Silver Canyon Rd back to camp. Silver Canyon Rd. has nine water crossings and several steep switchbacks before ending at 10000 Ft Elevation. Normally a good view but smoke from fires to the south blocked the best views.

We had a nice camp fire before we turned in for the night, After breaking camp Sunday we took the Old White Mountain trail from the campground to Hwy168, aired up, and headed home. Overall, a really fun weekend of off-roading.